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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION


SUBJECT: Halloween Safety

1. Fort Benning will observe Halloween from 1800 to 2000, 31 October 2015. This is the only day "Trick or Treating" is permitted. This fun time for children can be tragic if common sense precautions are ignored.
2. Parents can ensure their child's safety with the following actions:
 - a. Children under 13-years-old are allowed to "Trick or Treat." Pre-school children must be accompanied by children 14 years and older or by an adult.
 - b. Limit "Trick or Treating" only to the housing area in which the participants reside, and approach only residences with lighted entryways.
 - c. Children should wear light-colored, fire resistant costumes that are short enough to prevent tripping. Costumes can be marked with reflective tape or 'glow' spray paint so they can pick up auto headlights and other lights.
 - d. Observe all basic safety precautions. Use sidewalks and crosswalks; don't cut through yards. Look in all directions before walking across the street.
 - e. Wear masks or head coverings that do not restrict vision. Use colorful facial makeup as much as possible.
 - f. Ensure pet owners take measures to prevent pets from being a nuisance or a menace to children. Caution children about the wrongs of vandalism and causing damage to the property of others.
 - g. Ensure children carry flashlights after dark. If a child carries a pumpkin, it should be lit with a battery device, not a candle.
 - h. Never let your child eat anything until you have inspected the treats. Give your child a full meal before he or she goes "Trick or Treating. "

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3. The time it takes to protect our children is small compared to the lifetime of regret a mishap can cause. Enjoy the occasion but make sure your child is well prepared to avoid accidents and injuries.

Happy
Halloween!



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